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1. On 8 May 1951, an undetermined number of artillery pieces were emplaced in the Magdeburgerforth Forest and were fired from there toward the Altengrabow (M 53/Z 00) range. The fire was apparently directed from a captive balloon which was at an altitude of about 300 meters above the woods east of Doernitz railroad station.
2. Large quantities of ammunition boxes, which seemed to be empty, were piled at Altengrabow railroad station.
3. About 50 soldiers were engaged in a field exercise beside the Altengrabow-Gross Luebars road, about one km southwest of Altengrabow, and about 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were stringing a telephone line.

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- \*            Comment.                      the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the 43d (Gds) Gun Arty Brig of the Eighth Gds Army. Although there have been no indications that artillery components of these units left their posts for Altengrabow, it is conceivable that they had done so in view of observations made in 1950.

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